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Lond. by W. Godbid, for the use of Christ's Hospital, 1665

Printed just before the Fire of London, and the greater part of the impression probably destroyed therein, as Dr. Bliss was unable to trace any other copy. *See MS. Note on fly-leaf.* From another MS. Note in an old hand, it would appear that the Woodmongers set this Act at defiance.

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to the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Fellowſhip of Woodmongers, by an Act of Common Council made the 10 day of May 1661, in the Mayoralty of Sir Richard Brown Knight and Baronet, and divers Rules, Directions, Proviſions and Penalties thereby given, made and ſet down, touching the Licencing and Regulation of Carmen, and ſeveral other matters, and the Maſter Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company of Woodmongers by the ſame Act impowered for Licencing and allowing of the Carmen, and to ſeveral other purpoſes, as in and by the ſaid Act more fully may appear: And foraſmuch as complaint hath been made by divers Citizens and others, of ſundry Abuſes committed in the Government of the Carmen, and of many Inconvemences and Grievances brought upon the Citizens and Inhabitants of this City and Liberties, and parts adjacent, in raiſing the Price and uſing Deceits in the weight and Meaſure of Coals, by means and pretence of the Priviledge and power granted in and by the ſaid Act of Common Council; as in and by a Report of certain Committees (appointed to examin the ſaid Grievances and Abuſes) read and allowed in this Court, more particularly and fully may appear.

Be it therefore Enacted, Granted and Agreed, by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worſhipful the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons in this Common Council aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the before-mentioned Act made in the Mayoralty of Sir Richard Brown, and every Clauſe, Article and Thing therein contained, ſhall from henceforth be utterly repealed, and made void to all intents and purpoſes; and that the Preſident and Governours of Chriſt's Hoſpital London, ſhall from time to time hereafter have the Rule, Overſight and Government of the ſaid Carrs, Carts, Carters and Carmen, and of all other perſon or perſons whatſoever working any Carrs or Carts within the City of London and Liberties thereof, during the pleaſure of this Court, and no longer, and according to the Rules, Directions and Proviſions in this preſent Act mentioned and compriſed, and ſuch other Orders, Rules, Directions and Limitations, as by this Court, or the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, ſhall hereafter upon farther conſideration, be made and provided in this behalf.

And it is Enacted, That no more than four hundred and twenty Carrs ſhall by the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of this City, or any other perſon or perſons claiming by, from, or under them, be allowed or permitted to work within this City and Liberties thereof; and that ſeventeen ſhillings and four pence per Annum, and no more, ſhall be received or paid for a Carrom, and twenty ſhillings, and no more or greater Fine, upon any admittance or alienation of a Carrom; and that if any perſon or perſons ſhall

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presume to work any Cart or Carrs, by himself or Servants, not being duly allowed as aforesaid, such person or persons, for every time so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty shillings, to be recovered, received and obtained, as is hereafter mentioned.

Also it is Enacted, That there shall not hereafter be any Carr, Cart or Carrs, permitted or allowed to any Wharf, Wharfingers or Woodmongers, or kept or worked by any Wharfinger or Woodmonger, after the first day of August next, but by Licence of the said President and Governours of Christ's Hospital, and the same to be part of the said number of four hundred and twenty Carrs; and that all the Street Carrs, or residue of the said four hundred and twenty Carrs, to be Licensed as aforesaid, shall or may be used or allowed to work within this City and Liberties thereof, for the Carriage of all Wood, Coals and other Fewel, within the same City and Liberties, at such Rates and in all other respects as other Goods and Commodities have used and ought to be carried, and not otherwise. Provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for every person and persons to send his and their own or other Cart or Carts out of the Country, to bring Coals from Wharfs, and also to bring his and their own Coals home to his and their house and houses in London, with his and their own Cart or Carts, not being Traders in Fewel by retailing the same. And if any Wharfinger, Woodmonger or other, shall presume to keep and work any Carr, Cart or Carrs, contrary to the true meaning hereof, such person and persons, for every time so offending, shall forfeit and pay for the first offence the sum of forty shillings, to be recovered and obtained as is hereafter mentioned: and for the second, and every other offence afterwards, the said Carr or Carrs to be seized, and carried to the new Stoneyard on the Postern, and there kept and detained, according to the Custom of London.

And be it hereby farther Enacted, That such as have any Carr-room or Carrooms duly allowed, shall not directly or indirectly lett them out for hire at any time hereafter, without the approbation and allowance of the said President and Governours of Christ's Hospital for the time being first had, obtained, and attested in writing under the said Presidents hand, to the end that none may be admitted to work any Carr, but such as shall be found of civil carriage and able and meet for that Imployment, upon pain that every person offending therein shall forfeit the sum of ten shillings a day for every day he shall lett to hire the said Carr, to be recovered as is hereafter mentioned.

And that the Prices of Carriages may be moderate as well for the People as for the Carmen, It is Enacted, That forthwith this present year, and hereafter always from year to year, in the month of September, the Rates and Prices of Carriages within

this City and Liberties shall be set and appointed by the Court of Aldermen, and such of the Commons and others as they shall think fit to call before them for their Information; and the said Prices to be printed, and set upon Posts in publick places: And if any Carman shall demand and take more than according to such Rates and Prices so to be set down, such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of ten shillings, to be had and recovered as is hereafter mentioned.

And it is hereby farther Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any one of the Marshals of this City, and their men respectively, (who are hereby authorized and appointed to assist the said President and Governours of Christ's Hospital, and whom they the said President and Governours shall appoint from time to time) to take and seize all the supernumerary Carrs, not allowed, which shall be found working in this City and the Liberties thereof, and, according to the ancient Custom of this City in that behalf used, to impound them in the new Stone-yard at the Postern belonging to this City, there to remain till the respective Owners of them shall conform themselves to the Government of the said President and Governours.

It is also hereby farther Enacted, That if any person or persons authorized to work any Carr or Carts, by himself or Servant, shall neglect or refuse duly to pay the said yearly Rent of seventeen shillings and four pence apiece to the said President and Governours, for all and every the said Carr and Carts, as is before mentioned, the Carrom, that is, the Licence of such person or persons to work such Carr or Carrs, shall forthwith be suspended, and such person and persons be disabled to work any longer by virtue of the same Licence, until he or they shall conform to the payment of the said duty of seventeen shillings and four pence respectively: And if any person or persons for the cause before mentioned being so disabled before conformity, shall presume after such disallowance to use and work any Carr or Carrs, either in their own person or persons, or by his or their Servant or Servants, Agent or Agents, then such person or persons shall respectively forfeit and lose the sum of forty shillings for every time they shall so work, as in working without Licence or Allowance.

And for the prevention of such Deceit hereafter as divers Woodmongers have practised in the Sale and Measure of their Coals, It is Enacted, That all Sea-coals hereafter to be sold or uttered by retail, by any person or persons whatsoever, shall be filled and brought home to the Buyers in the Sea-coal-meters Sacks, or such other Sacks as contain the full measure of the Sea-coal-meters Sacks, and are and shall be marked by the Keeper of the Guild-hall for the time being, according to an Order of the Court of Aldermen made the twenty fifth day of October, in the time of

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the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas Cambell Knight deceased, and carried by some Strat-Carr or Carrs of persons duly Licenced and allowed as aforesaid, and bearing upon the same Carrs the mark of the red Cross for a note of their Allowance, as hath anciently been accustomed.

And that all person and persons vending or uttering Seacoals by retail, and their Carmen, Servants or Agents, shall hereafter from time to time, and at all times when they carry or send abroad any Coals within the City of London or Liberties thereof, carry along in their Carr or Carrs together with their Seacoals a good and lawful Buchel, sealed according to the Buchel in the Guild-hall, allowed for measuring of Seacoals, which agreeth with the Fact anciently used for measuring of Seacoals, which Buchel shall be and contain in breadth from out to out the ring, not exceeding half an inch, nineteen inches and a half, and in depth within the Buchel seven inches and a half.

And if any person or persons shall bring home in his or their Carr or Carr, to any Buyer, any Coals in any other Sack or Sacks, and without such Buchel as are before mentioned and appointed, such persons so offending shall forfeit and pay ten shillings for the first and second offence respectively, for the third and every other offence the Carr or Carrs of the Offender to be seized and carried to the new Store-yard on the Postern, as is aforesaid.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said President and Governours of Christ's Hospital shall for time to come observe, perform and execute such Acts, Orders and Rules, as have been or shall hereafter from time to time be farther made, published or enjoyned by Common Council, or by the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of this City for the time being, for, touching and concerning the Government and Regulation of Carrs, Carts, Carters and Carmen, touching or concerning the Price, Measure, or Assize of Coal-Sacks, Coals or other Fewel, or any matter or thing to the same or any of them in any wise belonging or appertaining.

And for a constant Store and Provision of Seacoals to be had and made hereafter for supply of this City, and especially for the benefit and relief of the Poor in times of Dearth and Scarcity, which hath happened in this and many other years heretofore, by reason of Wars and Troubles at Sea, or by the subtil combination and practice of the Retailers at home for their private gain and profit, to the common Abuse and detriment of the Citizens, and others His Majesties Subjects,

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That besides the general Stock imployed by this City for Provision of Coals for the benefit of the Poor within the said City and Liberties, there

ſhall be provided yearly hereafter at the beſt hand, betwixt Lady-day and Michaelmas, by the ſeveral Companies of this City, the ſeveral Chaldrons of Seacoals hereafter mentioned:

That is to ſay,

Mercers, four hundred eighty eight.
Grocers, ſix hundred ſeventy five.
Drapers, five hundred ſixty two.
Fiſhmongers, four hundred ſixty five.
Goldſmiths, five hundred twenty five.
Skinners, three hundred and fifteen.
Merchant-tailours, ſeven hundred and fifty.
Haberdiſhers, five hundred ſeventy eight.
Salters, three hundred and ſixty.
Ironmongers, two hundred fifty five.
Vintners, three hundred ſeventy five.
Clothworkers, four hundred and twelve.
Dyers, one hundred and five.
Brewers, one hundred and four.
Leatherſellers, two hundred and ten.
Pewterers, fifty two.
Cutlers, ſeventy five.
White-bakers, forty five.
Wax-chandlers, nineteen.
Tallow-chandlers, ninety ſeven.
Armourers, nineteen.
Girdlers, one hundred and five.
Butchers, twenty two.
Sadlers, ninety.
Carpenters, thirty eight.
Cordwainers, ſixty.
Barber-ſurgeons, ſixty.
Painter-ſtainers, twelve.
Curriers, eleven.
Maſons, twenty two.
Plumbers, nineteen.
Innholders, forty five.
Founders, ſeven.
Poulters, twelve.
Cooks, thirty.
Coopers, fifty two.
Tylers and *Bricklayers*, nineteen.
Bowyers, three.
Fletchers, three.
Black-ſmiths, fifteen.
Apothecaries, forty five.
Joyners, twenty two.
Weavers, twenty ſeven.
Woolmen, three.
Woodmongers, ſixty.
Scriveners, ſixty.
Fruiterers, ſeven.
Plaiſterers, eight.
Brown-bakers, twelve.
Stationers, ſeventy five.
Imbroyderers, thirty.
Upholders, nine.
Muſicians, ſix.
Turners, thirteen.
Basket-makers, ſix.
Glaſiers, ſix.

And that the ſaid quantity of Seacoals ſhall be ſtored or laid up in convenient places by every the ſaid Companies reſpectively, and brought out, ſold and uttered, at ſuch other hard and deer ſeaſons of the year, in ſuch manner and at ſuch Price as the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of this City for the time being ſhall judge moſt requiſite and convenient, and by their Precept in writing ſhall direct and require, for the ends and purpoſes before mentioned,

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ſo as ſuch Companies as aforeſaid be not by ſuch Prices ordered to ſell the ſame Coals to Loſs.

And whereas divers Woodmongers and others uſing to ſell and utter Coals by retail within this City and Liberties, in deſign to raiſe and inhance the Prices thereof for their own private Gain and Commodity, have commonly heretofore gone or ſent down the River of Thames, or otherwiſe travailed and imployed their Agents to meet the Ships and Veſſels coming from Newcaſtle and other parts toward this City loaden with Coals, and at diſtant places from the ſaid City, or by Precontract within the ſame City and Liberties, have bought up, foreſtalled and ingroſſed great quantities of Coals, which ſhould have been brought to the ſaid City by the Owners and Sellers thereof, to be there ſold and uttered at reaſonable Prices, and the ſame have conveyed and brought to the ſaid City, to ſell again at high and exceſſive Prices, againſt the Cuſtom and Priviledges of this City, and to the publick Detriment, Oppreſſion of the Poor, and great charge of all others inhabiting and dwelling within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof:

For Reformation hereof, Be it Enacted, Ordained and Eſtabliſhed by the Authority aforeſaid, That no perſon or perſons whatſoever inhabiting or dwelling, or that hereafter ſhall inhabit and dwell within the ſaid City or the Liberties thereof, ſhall, from and after the Feaſt of the Nativity of Saint John Baptiſt now next enſuing, either by themſelves or any for them or to their uſe, provide, buy, bargain or contract for any Seacoals, Scotch coals, Pit-coals, or other Coals coming towards this City to be ſold, other than ſuch as ſhall be provided and bought to be ſpent within their own private houſes, nor ſhall ſell or utter the ſame by retail or in groſs within this City or Liberties to any perſon or perſons, but that the Owners and Sellers thereof, at their own coſts and charges, ſhall and may bring the ſame Coals to the City themſelves, here by them to be ſold; upon pain that all and every perſon and perſons whatſoever that ſhall offend contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof, ſhall forfeit and loſe five ſhillings for every Chaldron of Seacoals, and the like ſum for every Tun of Scotch or Pit-coals, that ſhall be bought, bargained or contracted for contrary to the intent and true meaning of this Act, to be recovered as is hereafter mentioned.

And it is Enacted, That the Yeomen of the Wood-wharfs of this City for the time being, ſhall from time to time diligently overſee, that all perſons coming and repairing to this City with any manner of Coals before mentioned to be ſold, do and ſhall obſerve and keep the Orders, Rules and Directions before going, and ſhall uſe like diligence for the diſcovery and puniſhment of all Offenders in or about any particular thereof, according to the intent and meaning of this Act.

And lastly it is Enacted, That all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, in and by this Act before limited and appointed, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Information, in the name of the Chamberlein of this City for the time being, in His Majesties Court holden before the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City in the Chamber of the Guild-hall of the City of London, wherein no Essoign or Wager of Law shall be admitted or allowed for the Defendant: And after Recovery thereof, one moiety (after all Charges deducted) shall be to the Informer, and the other moiety to the Poor of Christ's Hospital in London, to be imployed for and toward their relief. In all which Suits to be brought by this Act, the Chamberlein shall recover his ordinary Costs and Charges, to be expended in and for recovery of all such Forfeitures against the Offender or Offenders.

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